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SUBJECT: DUTCH CABLE TELEVISION EXPANSION - VISIT OF PETER ROLFF

REF THE HAGUE 620

1. MR. PETER ROLFF, DIRECTOR, CASEMA, JAN HENDRIKSTRAAT 8, THE HAGUE, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON THURSDAY, JUNE 28 WITH FCC OFFICIALS QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE POLICY ISSUES SURROUNDING EXPANSION OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS. FCC' S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

2. CASEMA IS SEMI- GOVERNMENTAL COMPANY ENGAGED IN CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK CONSTRUCTION AND ROLFF WILL BE IN U. S. TO EVALUATE AMERICAN EQUIPMENT FOR POTENTIAL USE IN PLANNED NETWORK EXPANSION. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASEMA TECHNICAL ADVISOR W. H. METZ. EMBASSY VIEWS ROLFF VISIT AS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE U. S. CATV SYSTEMS IN MARKET WITH ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF 750 MILLION DOLLARS AND FCC MEETING WILL BE IMPORTANT PART OF TRIP.

3. AMONG ISSUES ROLFF WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH FCC ARE: (A)
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CABLE TV AND EXISTING
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM IN U. S. SPECIFICALLY, HOW HAS U. S. VIEWED EXPANSION OF
CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS AS POTENTIAL COMPETITOR OF CONVENTIONAL
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TELEPHONE SERVICES? (B) FCC POLICY TOWARD USE OF NON- STANDARD
BROADCAST CHANNELS IN CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS. MR. ROLFF IS
OF OPINION THAT FCC FAVORS PROHIBITING USE OF NON- STANDARD
CHANNELS AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY GIVING APPOINTMENT
INFORMATION BEFORE ROLFF' S PLANNED DEPARTURE ON JUNE 11.
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